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Notes on PSB Meeting of 30 April 1953

(1) There was some discussion of the \$100,000 MIG ransom offer of the FEC. Mr. Kyes indicated that he did not know anything about it and was looking into the question as to who, if anybody, at the Pentagon had heard of it beforehand.

(2) There was discussion of the Italian elections. It was reported that a very considerable volume of off-shore purchase contracts had been placed with Italian industry and it was hoped that this would have some effect on the electoral situation. There was also some discussion as to what benefit could be derived from the proposed relaxation in the special immigration bill as regards Italian immigrants.

(3) The work of MSA in the labor field was generally reviewed. It was indicated MSA wanted to get out of this.

(4) It was generally agreed that the time had come to get out of the field of supporting openly foreign newspapers in Germany, Austria, etc., but no formal decision was reached.

(5) There was general discussion of trade with the Soviet bloc, the difficulties of stopping it and the basic question as to who profited.

(6) In connection with the reports of grain shortages in Hungary, it was generally felt that we could not very well make a governmental offer but that we might encourage CARE to use these reports as a basis for an attempt to get back into the Hungarian field. WBS said he would have some investigation made of the report that Gross had taken a negative view for the State Department when the matter had been previously presented.

(7) There was some discussion of necessity of getting some outstanding private American citizen to visit India in order to develop the cultural relations between the two countries. The question was raised as to whether Louis Bromfield would be a good candidate for the job.

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